

Sabbath Evening Sept 11

Dear Deborah — I will not attempt to tell
you how much I have missed you — I felt every moment
of the time since you left that you were not in Boston.
I hoped all the week — every day to hear from you by the
way of Boston on Saturday, but it came & passed and I heard
not. To-day when I came from meeting at noon I had a
letter from Caroline & one to your mother from her — in
which she stated she heard from you kindly, that you
were at home Saturday evening. That she saw Mrs. M. before that
he said you was not going on, & she gathered you had one
of your head-aches — He did not consent to read your
letter. I perfectly long to hear how you got on to New-
Bedford, & how you were received — whether your dreams
are in any way realized. I think you much are waiting
so much & so long before you left. Not a word have
I heard from home since she went to Gorton — I hope she
has written to you, Caroline said she had not heard from her.
I have been anxious to-day, on account of her not writing. —
I conclude Caroline has written you & told you the
Boston news — if so you know that Lucretia is there
& Maria with both the children here — Henry brought
Mama & the wrangling bear Wednesday night Henry staid
until Friday night — He went to Whitman's Pond both
days with Henry — Thursday they that is Maria & Henry with
Lissy took tea here — Friday we were invited to Mrs
Lipfold's, Henry & Mary went to Boston after tea, but
Maria, Lissy & I went. I believe Emma & little Henry
were invited, Mary was at Dorchester & Emma did not
go — Henry got very tired very pretty, but refused to
stay more than 20 minutes — so his mother sent him
home. We had a terrible time — spent the evening & the
Dr saw us safe home in a pouring rain at 9 o'clock.
Saturday (yesterday) Maria spent here — & printed bits
of silk for needle-books which I am going to make for
the fair — We set up a printing-press in our parlor
Maria was printer & I printed D. — Many of them
looked very well — In the afternoon Mrs. Lipfold called
& so Mrs. Henry from the creek — to whom I gave a petition

8 & she returned it with 57 names, that was doing a thing
as it should be done - The creeks came up to the work.
Saturday I was in at Whittemore & he showed me a letter
from Stanton saying he would be here Saturday 15 & lecture
once or twice in the Sabbath as he (Whittemore) pleased
I am ever awfully willing he should lecture at
noon on after meeting at night & again in the evening but
I dare say this would be considered profferation of the Sabbath.
I have written to Elizabeth Thompson asking her to write
to-day I had an answer to say she would if possible, but
they had no help again. I was invited 3 times by letter
to the Centennial but did not go - They provided a
splendid dinner for 15 & had three Mr & Mrs Burdell &
Merry - Caroline really weened in her letter to regret
that no one of us could go. - Maria supposed me
much by telling me that they had wine & cider
when there dined there - Mr Owen went to Dixbury
& bought it, & made handsome the order of the day
and thus commenced his own house-keeping - What he
can mean now I do not see. Nothing new has arrived
here, only the death of Brackley Colson - he died of lung
fever last Friday - with just one week - if you remember
his wife died about 6 weeks since. - 3 quite small
children left - 3 or 4 larger ones I should think -
Warren the eldest child had a note read this morning
asking prayers that the death might be sanctified to
him & the "rest of the orphan children" - He looked in
trouble - and I felt for him - the rest are almost a
man grown looked nearly like a natural brood, I
never heard that he was - nor ever saw him before.
The wind is full of trouble. - I have been at meeting
all day - Phyllis & Phoebe staid at home all day - Maria
went this afternoon - & people looked at her as if she
had turned black I have no doubt were hardly forced
to trust the evidence of their eyes that she was white
as usual. Harrison Park preached two pretty good
sermons - & made several good prayers only as he
remembered to forget the slaves. I felt disappointed that
he did not have to read the notice of Stanton's lecture. I ex-

pected it would be noticed to-day - & under Whitmore
or Mr. H. had not seen it done - By the way of course
not seen on head of the King some time left. She had
time (but saying that missing 9 saw him when he called for
you, and the day before convention. I shall fill this sheet
& send it Sunday, but now I must leave for I am tired out.

Monday Evening 12. I have come to you to-night as
early as I left your last night. This morning I rec'd a
letter from Anne by mail - she says she had heard from
you & that you were well. That is all she mentioned
about your letter - but says she missed you very much.
That she can live without any of the rest of the Anti-
Slavery Society - so can I any of the rest but Anne. She
says that she shall stay in Boston the rest of this
week - I don't doubt she stays three weeks longer.
Maria thinks of staying until Sabbath night & returning
with some of them, who have come out to hear Stanton.
Mr. Carter has an agent sent to get subscri-
bers to the Spectator. We got 5 in. Mr. Phillips
Society. We went to Mrs. Esop. Elmhurst & the di-
rected Maria about in that vicinity & to Dr. Spalding
in Cambridge. She told him they were abolitionists
& would patronize the plan. We called there this
forenoon, while Maria was there. ~~Mr. Phillips~~ called,
& Mrs. Phillips introduced her. He was an aboli-
tionist & seemed delighted to see Mrs. Chapman. We
were from Cambridge & his name quite of the kind. Mrs.
Phillips would be asked as if she was the queen of England.

Tuesday morning - I was compelled to leave writing last night
your mother & Maria was here - Maria, Phoebe & Prudence
had a hot dispute - she (Maria) was full tilt against the
Sabbath & the clergy in toto. You might just as well have
written when the confusion of tongues took place. Your mother
& I took no part. Phoebe & Maria become very personal &
used great fluency of speech. They left it an adjourned
meeting - she professing her intention of renewing the dis-
cussion & trying to emancipate them from the thralldom of
the clergy - they too convinced of the moral impurity of dis-
senting the Sabbath. I have heard enough - & shall take my
part this subject of the Sabbath but get in among the
abolitionists. I know not what to make of Garrison. I told

year there was something in his head - & I think so
 now. I asked Maria what she thought. She said nothing
 at first, but after a while said that the cause of the anti-
 slavery might have got too popular for him. If he does
 not come to Boston by this last invitation, I shall think
 he is going to turn his attention to something else - & am
 sorry. Your friend mother is about as you left her. She has
 mentioned often, and seems concerned to hear from you
 more than I have known her at any one leaving this long
 time - not since Maria went to England. Now that I have

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but this sheet filled I hardly know what to do about
 writing it - I have mentioned every thing that has come
 but it does not seem worth your ten cents. - But when I
 think again how glad I am of any thing when I am at
 Dorbury I am encouraged to send it. I hope you will write often
 & I intend to write to include to be sure & send your letter too
 you mention it like me to her. Write me when you can. I
 want a letter from you - but to hear any way I will not
 complain. Mrs. Field & Maria have just called going to Mr. Perkins
 to call. I charged M. not to run against the meeting of hope. We will
 not. All the family send much love. Henry is at Boston. Emma Rose. I have not
 heard from her since she went to school. Your most affectionately M. Weston

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